

Pan American School of Porto Alegre

2013-2014 Fact Sheet



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The **Pan American School of Porto Alegre (PAS)** is a private, not for profit, PS3-12th grade coeducational, secular, bilingual, multi-cultural school of approximately 400 students founded in 1966. PAS is fully accredited by AdvancED / The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in the United States and is an authorized IBO World School delivering the PYP curriculum framework.

Organization: PAS is governed by a Board of Directors composed of seven members, four of whom are elected by the General Assembly for a three-year term. Three additional members are invited to serve a one year term by the elected members. The administrative leadership team consists of the director, preschool/elementary principal, middle/high school principal, PYP/curriculum coordinator, section counselors, director of Brazilian programs, and controller.

Curriculum: Pan American School offers a well-balanced education based on best practices, a wide range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, and a student-centered approach to both teaching and learning. PAS is an IB World School, presently authorized to implement the Primary Years Program (PYP) in preschool and elementary school, and working towards becoming a Middle Years Program (MYP) candidate school in grades 6 through 10. Our courses at the high school level provide depth and breadth across all disciplines and include a wide range of AP options as well as classroom without walls, virtual high school, and an array of co-curricular opportunities. Students earn a dual diploma: the United States High School Diploma and the Brazilian Diploma. Our aim is to instill in students the qualities embodied in the IB Learner Profile to help them to become effective communicators, open-minded, principled, inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, caring citizens, risk-takers, balanced, reflective and internationally minded citizens of the world.

Faculty: For the 2013-2014 school year, there are 55 employees in our instructional staff, 53 full-time and two part-time.

Enrollment: Enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year is 372 students (PS3-grade 5: 245; and grades 6-12: 127). A total of 13 (4%) students receive financial scholarships.

Facilities: PAS is housed in the high-rise, residential neighborhood of Petropolis/Bela Vista. The school occupies a 6,000 m² constructed area with twenty-three classrooms, two student support rooms, central air/heat, a fully equipped gymnasium, four gardens/outside play areas, music-drama studio, interactive boards in all classrooms, two state of the art science laboratories, computer lab, art suite with photograph lab and kiln, cafeteria, and a library with more than 35,000 titles utilizing Follet Destiny Software. Wireless internet is available throughout the school.

Finances: In the 2013-2014 school year, 90% of the School's income derives from tuition. Annual tuition rates are as follows: preschool (full-time)-grade 8: \$33,960.00; grades 9-12: \$36,360.00. There are three non-refundable one-time fees: registration \$1,415.00, capital levy \$9,198.00 and entrance R\$ 8,696.00. There is also a mandatory annual fee: activity \$1,415.00. (All fees are quoted in USD but must be paid in Brazilian currency. The current Brazilian Central Bank PTAX exchange rate is applied at the invoicing date.)

This Fact Sheet is intended to provide general information. Prospective users of the Schools may wish to inquire further of A/OPR/OS or contact the School directly for more specific and up-to-the-minute information regarding curriculum, special programs, and the like. Information and statistics are current as of September 2013 and are provided by the School.